

Construction of Film Complex at Hyderabad

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of Film Complex at Hyderabad meant for children has not yet been completed;

(b) if so, the reasons for undue delay and by when it will be in operation; and

(c) the financial allocation therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had originally allotted ten acres of land to the National Centre for Films for Children and Young People, now called the Children's Film Society, India (CFSI), in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, possession of which was handed over to CFSI in September, 1997. However, due to unsuitability of land, work on the Complex could not commence and the land was surrendered. Thereafter, in November 2000, the Andhra Pradesh State Government has approved allotment of another ten acres of land in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad for the proposed Complex.

The possession of the land has been taken by CFSI on 3.1.2001. It is not possible at this stage to indicate by when the Complex will be operational.

(c) A provision of Rs. 8.00 crore has been made in the 9th Five Year Plan for the Children's Film Complex at Hyderabad.